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Via Email Only

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
c/o New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: SEC Docket No. 2021-04, Application of Chariot Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction and Operation of a 50MW Solar Generating Facility in Hinsdale, New Hampshire – Delay in Filing Application

Dear Chairman Goldner:

We are writing to advise the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (“the Committee”) that the Applicant in the above-captioned docket anticipates that there will be at least a six-month delay in filing the Application for this Project. As the Committee may be aware, the United States Department of Commerce (“DOC”) is currently conducting an investigation into whether Chinese manufacturers are evading tariffs by sending solar components to other Asian nations for assembly before exporting the finished products. Solar project developers in the United States depend on imports from Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia to meet much of the demand for new solar panels. About three quarters of solar panels installed in the U.S. last year came from Southeast Asia. A final determination from the DOC, including whether the United States will impose duties retroactively, is expected to be months away. The uncertainty caused by the DOC investigation and the impact it may have on the economics of solar projects is causing delays and, in some cases, the cancellation of solar energy projects. As a result, the Applicant is delaying the Chariot Solar project pending the resolution of the DOC investigation. We will keep the Committee posted on any further developments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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cc (via email): Service List in SEC Docket 2021-04
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